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STATISTICAL SUMMARY

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Wheat to Top 1957 Crop by a Third

An all-wheat crop of 1,271 million bushels was forecast by the Crop Reporting Board as of June 1. Such record crop would exceed last year's production by 34 percent.

Winter wheat crop is now estimated at a record high of 1,069 million bushels, 51 percent more than last year and 26 percent above average. Indicated yield of winter wheat at 25.4 bushels per acre compares with 22.4 last year and 18.9 average.

All spring wheat, at 202 million bushels, is 16 percent below last year and 24 percent below average. Deficient moisture in important areas during May reduced spring wheat prospects.

Durum, a small crop this year, is expected to total only 16.1 million bushels, compared with 40 million last year and the 10-year average of 30 million. The small crop of durum wheat is due largely to reduced plantings, only about half that of 1957.

Over-all Crop Prospects Favorable

Crop prospects are favorable over most of the Nation, after a month which aided spring planting and crop progress. Cotton stands are virtually secured after slow starts in much of the South. Corn and soybean planting mainly have been completed. Forage crops and pastures generally are producing well despite some sectional setbacks. Fruits are sizing well and mounting vegetable supplies signal the end of the early spring slowdown. Western irrigation water supplies are excellent.

Good Prospects for Rye

Rye condition June 1 was reported at 89 percent of normal. This was a 3-point decline from a month earlier. Dry weather caused reductions in some northern areas but the condition was still favorable for the country as a whole, being 2 points above a year earlier and 8 points above the 10-year average.

Hay Close to Last Year's Record

Compared with a month ago, hay condition declined in most North Atlantic and North Central States but improved in most South Atlantic and South Central States with only minor changes elsewhere. Prospects indicate a crop nearly as large as last year's record. Condition of all hay June 1 averaged 86 percent of normal compared with 88 a year earlier and 84 for the 10-year average.

Pasture and Range Conditions Excellent

The June 1 pasture condition of 88 matches last year and three other years of highest June prospects since 1944. Range livestock condition, uniformly good, averages best for the date since

1942. Need for rain was indicated, however, to maintain good range feeding later on.

Fewer Late Spring Potatoes

Late spring potato crop, at 27,145,000 hundred-weight, is 10 percent below last year but 2 percent above average. Forecast is down 7 percent from a month ago; favorable prospects in Alabama's Baldwin area, and for a limited acreage in Oklahoma, were more than offset by a sharp reduction in California. The estimated 16,790,000 cwt. in that leading late spring State is down 12 percent from the May forecast and 18 percent below the 20,435,000 cwt. produced there in 1957.

Early Summer Potatoes, Larger Crop

Early summer potatoes, forecast at 9,574,000 cwt., is 6 percent above the 1957 crop but 3 percent below the 10-year average. Virginia's Eastern Shore, a leading production area, will harvest about 1,980,000 cwt., 8 percent less than the 2,153,000 cwt. produced in 1957.

Prices of Farm Products

Commodity	Average Prices received by farmers		Effective parity prices
	Apr. 15 1958	May 15 1958	May 15 1958
Basic commodities:			
Cotton, Amer. upland (lb.)..... ct.	27.93	29.10	38.68
Wheat (bu.) dol.	1.95	1.93	2.42
Rice (100 lb.)..... dol.	5.17	5.06	6.00
Corn (bu.) dol.	1.12	1.15	1.76
Peanuts (lb.)..... ct.	10.5	11.0	13.1
Designated nonbasic commodities:			
Butterfat in cream (lb.)..... ct.	57.8	57.6	76.2
Milk, wholesale (100 lb.)..... dol.	3.88	¹ 3.77	5.08
Wool (lb.) ct.	² 37.7	² 36.3	71.0
Other nonbasic commodities:			
Barley (bu.) dol.	.859	.869	1.36
Cottonseed (ton)..... dol.	-	-	70.10
Flaxseed (bu.)..... dol.	2.61	2.58	4.35
Hay, baled (ton)..... dol.	18.20	17.70	25.90
Oats (bu.)..... dol.	.621	.594	.887
Potatoes (cwt.)..... dol.	3.16	2.37	2.46
Rye (bu.)..... dol.	.970	.983	1.61
Sorghum, grain (100 lb.)..... dol.	1.77	1.76	2.67
Soybeans (bu.) dol.	2.16	2.13	3.05
Sweetpotatoes (cwt.)..... dol.	5.85	5.91	5.51
Oranges, on tree (box)..... dol.	3.73	3.98	2.39
Apples, for fresh use (bu.) dol.	3.11	3.41	3.09
Beef cattle (100 lb.)..... dol.	22.20	23.10	23.30
Calves (100 lb.)..... dol.	24.40	25.70	25.70
Hogs (100 lb.)..... dol.	20.20	21.70	22.20
Lambs (100 lb.)..... dol.	21.00	20.50	26.10
Chickens, all (lb.)..... ct.	19.0	19.6	28.7
Eggs (dozen) ct.	37.4	35.5	49.0

¹ Preliminary

² Does not include incentive payment to bring season average return to 62 cents per pound.

Largest Peach Crop in 11 Years

U. S. Peach crop is forecast at 74.5 million bushels, topping last year by 19 percent and 18 percent above average. Would be largest crop in 11 years. But unusual weather or action by growers to harvest only choice fruit or to eliminate part of the crop can affect the outcome.

Excluding the California Clingstone crop, which is mostly for canning, rest of the U. S. crop is estimated at 49.5 million bushels, 24 percent larger than last year and 21 percent above average.

Production in the 9 Southern States, at 15.2 million bushels, is 42 percent above last year, 51 percent above average, and the largest crop since 1947.

Prospects for Pears and Grapes

The 1958 pear crop forecast at 28,338,000 bushels, is 11 percent below 1957 and 5 percent below the 10-year average. Smaller crop is due

Statistical Series of Interest to Agriculture

Item	1957		1958		
	May	Yr.	Mar.	Apr.	May
	Mil.	Mil.	Mil.	Mil.	Mil.
Nonfarm employment, (civilian) ¹	58.5	58.8	57.2	57.3	57.8
Farm Employment.....	8.2	7.6	6.2	7.4	8.4
Family.....	6.4	5.8	5.0	5.8	6.3
Hired.....	1.9	1.8	1.2	1.6	2.1
	Index numbers (1947-49 = 100)				
Industrial production ²	144	143	128	126	127
Total personal income payments ³	170	170	169	170	-
Weekly factory earnings ⁴	161	163	144	140	140
Average earnings of factory workers, per worker ⁴	154	156	154	153	153
Wholesale prices, all commodities.....	117	118	120	119	120
Farm commodities.....	90	91	100	98	98
Food, processed.....	105	106	111	112	113
Consumer price index ⁴	120	120	123	124	-
Food.....	115	115	121	121	-
	Index numbers (1910-14 = 100)				
Prices received by farmers.....	242	242	263	264	264
Crops.....	241	233	245	252	246
Food grains.....	225	225	224	223	221
Feed grains and hay.....	179	170	152	162	163
Cotton.....	266	264	220	236	246
Tobacco.....	457	465	475	475	475
Oil bearing crops.....	263	252	234	237	238
Fruit.....	231	214	228	271	268
Vegetables for fresh market.....	284	249	408	362	314
Livestock and products.....	242	249	280	275	280
Meat animals.....	280	279	336	339	355
Dairy products.....	248	264	261	249	244
Poultry and eggs.....	143	162	187	172	168
Prices paid by farmers.....					
All commodities.....	273	273	281	282	283
Used in living.....	286	286	293	293	294
Used in production.....	259	258	269	271	271
Commodities, interest, taxes, and wage rates (parity index).....	296	296	304	306	306
Farm wage rates, seasonally adjusted.....	562	558	567	567	567
Parity ratio (prices received to parity index).....	82	82	87	86	86

to lower prospects in the Pacific Coast States which usually produces seven-eighths of the Nation's pears.

California grape prospects are somewhat below both last year and average while New York grape prospects appear promising.

Better than Average Apple Crop

An above-average apple crop is in prospect for the country as a whole. June 1 outlook by regions is as follows: Eastern States, well above last year and average; Central States, somewhat above last year and average; Western States, production somewhat below last year's heavy crop but still above average.

Smaller Sweet Cherry Crop

Sweet cherry production, at 83,580 tons, is 10 percent less than last year and 9 percent below average. Sour cherries (6 Western States) at 12,570 tons, will be about the same as last year and 21 percent above average.

Livestock and Livestock Products

Item	Unit	Jan. - Apr. 1957	Jan. - Apr. 1958
<u>Dairy Production</u>			
Milk.....	Bil. lb.	154.5	154.5
Evaporated whole milk.....	Mil. lb.	794.4	665.1
Dry nonfat milk solids (for human food).....	Mil. lb.	584.4	621.2
Butter, creamery.....	Mil. lb.	485.2	491.3
Cheese, American.....	Mil. lb.	312.1	305.7
Ice cream.....	Mil. gal.	184.4	186.7
<u>Poultry Production</u>			
Eggs.....	Billions	127.4	126.5
Poultry meat ²	Mil. lb.	1,289	1,365
Canned poultry.....	Mil. lb.	67.9	82.7
Liquid egg.....	Mil. lb.	193.9	162.7
Dried egg (egg solids).....	Mil. lb.	11.6	8.1
Frozen egg.....	Mil. lb.	139.2	123.0
Chicks hatched, total ³	Millions	1 1096	1 1226
Chicks hatched, broiler ³	Millions	1 679	1 768
Poulters hatched ³			
Heavy breeds.....	Millions	155.9	150.0
Light breeds.....	Millions	16.9	16.6
<u>Meat Production²</u> (dressed weight)			
Beef.....	Mil. lb.	4,592	4,181
Veal.....	Mil. lb.	460	375
Pork.....	Mil. lb.	3,308	3,182
Lamb and mutton.....	Mil. lb.	245	233
Total red meat.....	Mil. lb.	8,605	7,971
<u>Slaughter²</u>			
Cattle.....	1,000 head	8,552	7,690
Calves.....	1,000 head	4,000	3,344
Hogs.....	1,000 head	25,234	23,848
Sheep and lambs.....	1,000 head	5,065	4,666

Erratum: In the above table last month, May issue, date at top of 3rd column should have read "Jan. - Mar. 1957"; for the 4th column, "Jan. - Mar. 1958" was correct.

¹ Bureau of the Census.

² Federal Reserve Board.

³ Department of Commerce.

⁴ Bureau of Labor Statistics.

¹ January - May

² Commercial; excludes farm slaughter.

³ By commercial hatcheries.

Smaller Crops of Plums, Prunes and Apricots

California plums, at 57,000 tons, will be down from last year's production by almost 30 percent. Smaller crop is due largely to the rainy period during blooming. Prunes in California, at 127,000 tons (dry basis) will be 23 percent below both last year and average.

Apricots, forecast at 118,100 tons, will be down from last year by 38 percent, and 44 percent below average--shortest crop of record except for 1943, when 104,400 tons were produced.

Fewer Oranges, Grapefruit, and Lemons

Oranges and tangerines remaining for harvest on June 1 totaled about 10.4 million boxes. This compares with 31.2 million boxes remaining on the same date last year. Still to be harvested are 9.6 million boxes of California Valencias which are mostly harvested in the summer and early fall. Harvest of the remaining 0.8 million boxes, all in Florida, was rapidly drawing to a close on June 1.

Total orange and tangerine production (1957-58 season) is about 112 million boxes, 18 percent less than last season's crop and 8 percent below average.

Grapefruit crop, now expected to total 40.2 million boxes, is 10 percent below last year and 14 percent below average. Only about 1.9 million boxes remained for harvest on June 1 compared with 4.9 million same date last year.

California lemons, at 15.6 million boxes, are 4 percent less than last year but 20 percent above average. About 6.0 million boxes remained for harvest on June 1 compared with 8.8 million the same date last year.

Last Year's Sugar Crops (Revised)

Production of sugar beets in 1957 totaled 15,497,000 tons, an all-time high. This was 19 percent above 1956 and 10 percent above the previous high of 14,082,000 tons produced in 1954. Sugarcane harvested for sugar amounted to 6,334,000 tons compared with 6,014,000 tons in 1956. The final production in 1957 was down about 12 percent from the December 1957 estimate as a result of late freezes in Louisiana and Florida.

Smaller Milk Output, But Still Above Average

The estimated 12,889 million pounds of milk produced in May was 1 percent less than for the corresponding month last year but topped the May 10-year average by 4 percent. May milk production was enough to provide 2.40 pounds of milk daily to each person in the U. S., 2 percent less than in May last year and 7 percent below the May average.

Smaller Egg Production, Fewer Layers

The 5,543 million eggs laid in May were 1 percent less than in the same month last year. Total laid January through May, 26,498 million eggs, was down from a year earlier by 3 percent.

Production per layer during May was 19.3 eggs, highest of record. The rate per layer was

above a year earlier in all regions except the North Atlantic and the South Central. Increases were 2 percent above last year in the South Atlantic and 1 percent in the North Central region and the West.

Laying flocks averaged 286,601,000 layers during May, 2 percent less than in May last year. Number of layers on June 1 this year totaled 283,202,000 compared with 287,284,000 a year earlier--a decrease of 1 percent.

CURRENT ESTIMATES

Cash Receipts From Farm Marketings by States, April 1958¹

State	Livestock and products	Crops	Total
	1,000 dollars	1,000 dollars	1,000 dollars
Maine	9,253	19,570	28,823
New Hampshire.....	4,316	930	5,246
Vermont.....	8,307	1,954	10,261
Massachusetts.....	8,867	5,059	13,926
Rhode Island.....	1,147	514	1,661
Connecticut.....	9,125	6,810	15,935
New York.....	52,917	17,041	69,958
New Jersey.....	16,086	5,970	22,056
Pennsylvania.....	52,846	13,616	66,462
Ohio.....	63,561	19,749	83,310
Indiana.....	66,166	18,041	84,207
Illinois.....	105,842	49,033	154,875
Michigan.....	36,444	14,572	51,016
Wisconsin.....	86,295	6,558	92,853
Minnesota.....	91,275	21,535	112,810
Iowa.....	166,443	26,510	192,953
Missouri.....	68,270	8,986	77,256
North Dakota.....	15,107	9,667	24,774
South Dakota.....	35,779	4,813	40,592
Nebraska.....	62,503	18,439	80,942
Kansas.....	41,283	8,962	50,245
Delaware.....	6,953	721	7,674
Maryland.....	15,607	3,355	18,962
Virginia.....	20,438	4,716	25,154
West Virginia.....	6,892	1,406	8,298
North Carolina.....	24,310	9,492	33,802
South Carolina.....	9,234	6,058	15,292
Georgia.....	32,551	7,903	40,454
Florida.....	15,601	88,312	103,913
Kentucky.....	23,189	2,237	25,426
Tennessee.....	22,374	4,022	26,396
Alabama.....	20,957	10,208	31,165
Mississippi.....	18,617	10,096	28,713
Arkansas.....	18,032	14,108	32,140
Louisiana.....	13,156	2,780	15,936
Oklahoma.....	25,169	2,837	28,006
Texas.....	83,314	44,570	127,884
Montana.....	9,159	10,789	19,948
Idaho.....	14,195	14,825	29,020
Wyoming.....	6,836	445	7,281
Colorado.....	32,792	5,894	38,686
New Mexico.....	8,946	1,162	10,108
Arizona.....	11,879	11,067	22,946
Utah.....	9,929	1,128	11,057
Nevada.....	3,484	327	3,811
Washington.....	18,085	11,021	29,106
Oregon.....	13,405	7,327	20,732
California.....	86,667	69,474	156,141
United States.....	1,573,603	624,609	2,198,212

¹ All figures represent sales of farm products, plus Commodity Credit loans reported during the month minus Commodity Credit loans repaid during the month. For comparisons of cash receipts with earlier months and years, see issues of the Farm Income Situation.

Cash Receipts from Farming and Index of Volume of Farm Marketings, United States¹

	April 1958	May 1958 ²
CASH RECEIPTS:	<i>Mil. dol.</i>	<i>Mil. dol.</i>
Total marketings and CCC loans ³	2,198	2,200
Livestock and products.....	1,574	1,600
Meat animals.....	885	
Dairy products.....	392	
Poultry and eggs.....	259	
Other.....	38	
Crops.....	624	600
Food grains.....	60	
Feed crops.....	130	
Cotton (lint and seed).....	45	
Oil-bearing crops.....	39	
Tobacco.....	7	
Vegetables.....	160	
Fruits and tree nuts.....	64	
Other.....	119	
Government payments.....	16	
Grand total.....	2,214	
VOLUME OF FARM MARKETINGS:	1947-49 = 100	
All commodities.....	91	94
Livestock and products.....	123	129
Crops.....	48	48

¹For comparison with earlier months and years, see issues of the Farm Income Situation. ²Preliminary. ³Receipts from loans represent value of loans minus value of redemptions during the month.

Farm-Retail Price Spreads

Farm-Retail Spread and Farmer's Share of the Consumer's Dollar for Market Basket of Farm-food Products

Year and month	Retail cost ¹	Farm value ²	Farm-retail spread	Farmer's share
1957 average.....	\$ 1,007	\$ 400	\$ 607	40%
1957 April.....	992	395	597	40%
1958 March.....	1,076	457	619	42%
1958 April.....	1,085	452	633	42%

¹Retail cost of average quantities of farm foods purchased per urban wage-earner and clerical-worker family in 1952, calculated from retail prices collected by Bureau of Labor Statistics.

²Payment to farmers for equivalent quantities of farm produce minus imputed value of byproducts obtained in processing.

Larger Pig Crops

Spring crop totaled 52.7 million head, an increase of 2 percent from the crop last spring. Number of sows farrowed, at 7.5 million head, was up 3 percent from the spring of 1957. Fall farrowings, indicated at 5.9 million sows based on farmers breeding intentions, would be an increase of 13 percent over last fall's farrowings.

Smaller Meat Production

Meat production under Federal inspection (beef, veal, pork, and lamb) for the week ended May 31, at 307 million pounds, was 7 percent below the 330 million pounds a year ago. Beef, 166.8 million pounds compared with 186.8 million a year ago; veal, 12.3 million pounds, compared with 15.2 million a year ago; pork, 118.8 million pounds, compared with 117.1 million a year ago; lamb and mutton, 10.2 million pounds, compared with 10.6 million a year ago.

Increase in Poultry Production

The 94.9 million pounds of poultry certified under Federal inspection during April (ready to cook weight) compared with 87.1 million produced a year earlier. For the 4 months, Jan. through April, total was 351.4 million pounds--an increase of 8 percent from a year ago.

More Poultry for Canning and Processing

The 19.3 million pounds of poultry, ready to cook weight, used in canning and other processed foods in April was up from a year earlier by 7 percent. For the first 4 months of this year the increase from a year earlier was 22 percent.

Rise in Farm Employment

The 8,369,000 persons working on farms in late May were 14 percent more than the 7,368,000 at work in late April, also 2 percent more than the number at work a year earlier. Biggest increase was in hired workers, up 30 percent from April and 10 percent from a year earlier.

The supply of workers available for farm labor continued to be in better balance with demand than usual for this time of year.

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